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<u>In re application of:</u> P. Bhagwat	<u>Filed:</u>
	<u>Examiner:</u> P. B. Nguyen
<u>Serial No.</u> 09/240,374	<u>Group Art Unit:</u> 2663
<u>Title:</u> Improving Performance of Intermediate Nodes With Flow Splicing	<u>Docket #:</u> YOR919990014US1

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of please amend the above identified application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6 and 54 as follows:

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8.15.5
- (Amended)
3. A method according to claim 1, wherein at least two of the first source flow end point, the second destination flow end point, the third destination flow end point and the fourth source flow end point reside on the same node.